

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending in the application, with Claims 1, 14, and 21 being independent claims.

It is gratefully acknowledged that Claims 1-20 are allowed, and Claim 22 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 21 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Tatehana et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,879,337).

Regarding the rejection of independent Claims 21 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Tatehana et al., Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. The present application claims priority to a patent application filed with the Korean Industrial Property Office on July 10, 2002 and assigned Serial No. 2002-39960. Attached hereby is a copy of certified English translation of Korean patent application No. 2002-39960 to perfect the claim of priority of the present application. The priority date of July 10, 2002 of the present application antedates the PCT filing date of August 16, 2002 of Tatehana et al. Therefore, Tatehana et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,879,337) does not qualify as prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) against the present application.

In view of the preceding remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims herein, namely Claims 1-23, are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

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Attachment: Certified English translation of the patent application No. 2002-39960 (30 pages).

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